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The House met at 8 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 5, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DIANA DEGETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

What a bind we find ourselves in, O God. On the one hand, we know, and You have told us, that each human being is made in Your image. Every person we gaze upon, work with, debate, and love, on each one You have imprinted Your image so that we would be blessed to see Your face in theirs.

And yet, not one of us has been faithful to this image-bearing reflection of Your perfect love. Nor have we acknowledged the presence of You in the other.

With the same tongue that we use to praise You, we use to curse. In the same prayers we offer time and again for Your wisdom, we persist in ignorance of Your command to love one another.

We confess that there are more times than we care to admit that we harbor ill will, envy, and bitterness. Our own ambitions beat strong in our hearts and drown out the pleas of those in need of our goodwill, compassion, and forgiveness.

Redeem us.

As You did at creation, bring order into our chaos and bestow on us once again the desire to praise You with our lips and serve Your people with our

whole selves, that we would be worthy of the divine image we bear.

In Your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NADLER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

VACCINE MANDATES ARE UN-AMERICAN

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, I have talked with job creators and the hardworking Pennsylvanians who go to work every day. Do you know what they are saying? They are saying: I don't need government telling me what is best for me and my family.

But just yesterday, President Biden released details for his vaccine mandate for businesses with more than 100 employees.

President Biden's go-it-alone approach of running America has left him tone-deaf.

Vaccine mandates are un-American, period.

That is why I partnered with Senator BRAUN to introduce a resolution under the Congressional Review Act to strike down this unconstitutional overreach of government. Every member of the Education and Labor Committee is on board with this bill, and we have growing interest throughout the Republican Conference.

Right before the holidays, America is facing a supply chain crisis, rising costs on everything from gas to groceries, and President Biden isn't listening to the people for whom he works.

Our resolution sends a message to President Biden loudly and clearly: Americans are fed up with mandates and government control.

AMERICANS ARE REJECTING SOCIALISM

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have a message to send to all Americans: Socialism is not winning in America.

We saw earlier this week Democrats lost their progressive, far-left momentum among voters across the country. Turns out, the Democrats' policies of defunding the police, removing parents from their children's education, raising taxes, and expanding government control are not a winning message for America.

Republicans are committed to opening America back up for business, securing the southern border, creating strong energy independence, addressing our national debt, and supporting Main Street America through lower taxes and less regulation.

This week, despite the writing on the wall, Democrats and President Biden are pushing their massive, far-left, socialist reconciliation package that will

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